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Christmas Banquet

Evergreen, holly, mistletoe, spruce, bright crepe paper, lighted candles, as well as soft music, greeted faculty and students as they entered the dining hall for the annual Christmas banquet on a Saturday evening in December.

The theme of "Christmas" was carried out in various numbers on the program, each one being aptly introduced by Dean Ryther as toastmaster.

Leona Wilson told of Christmas in Ohio, and Ernestine Healan contrasted the holiday season in Florida. Although this was his first Christmas in the United States, John Quimby said that it seemed to be celebrated very much the same as in China. Professors Fish and McMurry also gave short talks. Music was furnished by the Morgan twins in a piano duet of Christmas melodies, by Lowell Hoyt with a trumpet solo, *O, Holy Night*, and by a trio—Gloria Hartman, Leona Wilson, and Norma Rankin—singing *Silent Night*.

Main speaker of the evening was J. Hunter Norwood, Jr., of Chattanooga, a graduate of Columbia Bible College, who appealed to his listeners to remember the real meaning of Christmas and to spread its message to those around.

UNUSUAL GIFT

A most unusual and appreciated gift was recently made to the University in the form of a very beautiful and large boxwood tree, now occupying a central place on the University campus. The tree, standing nearly fourteen feet high and spreading its branches over an area almost as wide, was the gift of Miss Virginia McPherson, of near Dayton, whose mother, the late Mrs. Jack McPherson, had desired that the tree at some time become the possession of the school.

The value of the tree, greatly enhanced by the thoughtfulness of the donors, can be estimated only by those who fully realize the rarity of boxwood trees of such size and the number of years—at least seventy-five—necessary for one to reach such dimensions.

Backward . . . Forward

I stand upon the threshold of two years,

And backward look, and forward strain my eyes.

Upon the blotted record fall my tears,
While, brushing them aside, a sweet surprise

Breaks like a day-dawn on my up-turned face,

As I remember all Thy daily grace.

Thou hast been good to me; the burdened past

Thou hast borne with me, and the future days

Are in Thy hands; I tremble not, but cast

My care upon Thee, and in prayer and praise

Prepare to make the coming year the best,

Because of nobler work and sweeter rest.

New Students Enroll

New students who have enrolled in the University at the beginning of the second quarter are Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Pifer, of Rittman, Ohio; Mr. George Stanley Birch, of Macon, Georgia; and Mr. Richard Mills, of Detroit, Michigan. Miss Ruhe Rudd, of Tribune, Kansas, who was enrolled in the 1940-41 session, has also returned to school. Newsette is glad to welcome these young folks to the Bryan fellowship.

CHALK ARTIST SPEAKS

Illustrating his unusual messages with rapid sketches and chalk drawings of interest and beauty, Phil Saint recently brought to the faculty and students a number of messages of inspiration and appeal. He is a gifted speaker as well as a talented artist.

Mr. Saint graduated from Wheaton College in June, 1941, receiving the B. S. degree in the field of anthropology. As an outstanding member of the student body of that institution, he was twice selected for *Who's Who Among Students of American Universities and Colleges*, a volume listing the leading students of most of the colleges and universities of the country.

Vesper Services

Attractive and appropriate were the Christmas Vesper Services sponsored by the Freshman Class on December 14th, talents from both this and other classes combining to present a number of the old-time Christmas favorites and hymns. Attractive and appropriate also were the lovely decorations on the chapel platform, small, brightly-decked Christmas trees, and candles.

The program included several special numbers: *Silent Night*, sung by Ruth Clement and Kathryn Hirschy; *Away in a Manger*, sung by Anna Kettenring and June Lykens; "O, Come All Ye Faithful", sung by a mixed quartet, Eileen Hartschuh, Lillian Borgard, Kenneth Kennard, and Robert Harper; *The Christmas Story*, a reading by Miss Agnes Fay, accompanied on the violin by Constance Morgan; *O, Little Town of Bethlehem*, a piano solo played by Anita Graham; *O, Holy Night*, sung by Lola Goehring; and *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, sung by Henry Moeller, Clyde Brogan, and Robert Harper.

DEAN'S LIST

"Am I on the Dean's List, Restriction, or in the Middle?" That is the question uppermost in the minds of students when grades are posted each six weeks. To be eligible for the Dean's list a student must have an average of 90% or more, with no grade below 85%. A student is on Restriction when his general average is below 80%, and is barred from certain privileges afforded to those on the Dean's List or Middle List.

Nine students have merited the Dean's List for the fall quarter, with Jesse Humberd, a junior, having the highest average in the school, 95.1%.

Three seniors on the List are: Grace Levengood, with an average of 94.7%; Warren Oliff, 92.1%, and Leona Wilson, 90.4%. Besides Jesse Humberd, two other juniors, Lola Goehring and Eileen Hartschuh, rank high with 93.2% and 92.5%.

A sophomore, Henry Moeller, has 91.5% as his quarter average, while two freshmen, Martha Jean Barger and Constance Morgan, made 90% and 91.5%, respectively.

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—God Above All—

Gems from the Mail Bag

Are the things brought in the mail by the postman to be accepted as blessings? Yes, they can and ought to be. The writer has been recently engaged in tabulating items for which he can thank the mailman. He is surprised at the results, since he asked God to show him what blessings come from attending to the mail.

It must be admitted that some discipline is involved in correcting addresses, in discarding some few things which concern no one. It is work to handle all the mail, but can't we thank God for discipline and for work? Who thinks of discipline and work when receiving letters from loved ones, relatives, friends? Who complains of work when a subscriber-friend sends a much needed gift? What rejoicing to see God thus supplying our need! Yes, thank God for the first-class mail.

But, what about the second, third, and fourth-class mail? Do you turn down the parcels? I have never yet seen a staff member or a student turn one down—not if some delicious food from home is contained therein. Then, what about mimeographed and printed materials? Do you appreciate receiving our Prayer Letters and the NEWSETTE? You will have to answer that, but most of those on our mailing list do appreciate receiving them.

The following briefs will illustrate the blessings received by the writer in reading mimeographed and printed matter:

A letter and printed matter announced a conference of educators to "chart a broad-gauge educational program." This served to strengthen convictions that, here at Bryan University, we need a stream-lined educational program giving Christ not only a place, or prominence, but giving Christ pre-eminence.

More than two years ago we were so impressed by two sentences in a

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STAFF AND STUDENTS OF BRYAN UNIVERSITY ADOPT RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE WAR

Endorsed, with but few exceptions, by a popular vote of the staff-members and student body, the following resolutions were drawn up by the officers of the Sophomore Class and presented for adoption at a service on December 13th honoring those students recently called to the colors:

We, the students and staff members of the William Jennings Bryan University, conscientiously and prayerfully believe:

That the present world crisis is permitted and ordained of God for the instruction and discipline of peoples and nations, and that any part, however great or small, we as citizens of the United States of America may be called upon to execute, we may execute as unto God.

We therefore resolve:

That when called to active service with the armed forces of America we will accept this privilege in a way pleasing to God and helpful to our country;

That we will joyfully and wholeheartedly cooperate with our government in whatever it may ask, be it the sacrifice of education, of comfort, or of the fundamentals of life, or even life itself;

That we, by an even closer walk with God, will ever maintain a loving, faithful Light in the darkness which now shadows the world;

That we will be unerringly faithful in presenting our fellow-students before God in prayer, with the earnest and comforting expectation that His will shall be done, and that one day we shall all be together again for ever and ever.

The document is signed by Judson A. Rudd, Warren Lee Oliff, Samuel T. Hemberger, and Kenneth C. Kennard, respectively presidents of the University, Senior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes, and by John Harper, vice-president of the Junior class.

Our Friends Write

"Am always glad to receive copies of NEWSETTE. More power to you all! Wish I had more to bestow upon the good work you seem to be doing. Enclosed find a check I am pleased to send. When I tell you I never had a pension and have had no salary or income in the past ten years other than Phil. 4:19, you may understand it is a sacrifice to pass as much on to Bryan. JESUS NEVER FAILS ME." *Pennsylvania.*

"I am sorry that I can't give more but you have my prayers for the University's success in training young people for Christian work." *Pennsylvania.*

"Enclosed you will find some tenth money that we would like to be used in furthering spiritual blessings. I know that you will prayerfully consider its use." *Pennsylvania.*

"Wishing you a happy new year—still more a 1942 with the flavor of glory and blessing of God upon it and your school." *Pennsylvania.*

THANK YOU

Many, many friends of the University, contributors, prayer supporters, and former students have kindly remembered both the institution and individuals with Christmas and New Year's greetings. We take this informal means of thanking you and wishing for you a happy and victorious 1942 in Him.

CAMERA CLUB GOES PRACTICAL

Whereas all the meetings of the Camera Club last year were for the purpose of hearing lectures and seeing slides prepared by the Eastman Kodak Company experts, their endeavors this year are along the line of experimentation. They are putting into use that which they saw and heard last year. Developing one's own films and printing one's own pictures is proving to be a fascinating and educational pastime.

BACK TO THE BIBLE

Sir Charles Marston, who is excavating ruins in Bible lands, says, "It has become necessary to scrap most, if not all, of what people have learned or read about the Old Testament in colleges and seminaries, in text-books, commentaries, and encyclopedias, and to go back to the original books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua."—*Christian Faith and Life.*

GREAT MEN ON THE GREATEST BOOK

The country today needs leaders from whose hearts can come a testimony similar to this of General Robert E. Lee:

"The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others in my eyes are of minor importance, and which in all my perplexities and distresses has never failed to give me light and strength."

December Gift Receipts

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MARCHING ORDERS

The Duke of Wellington was once placed next to a young clergyman at dinner. Knowing that Wellington had spent considerable time in the East, the churchman raised the question of the futility of mission work. "Does your grace not think it is rather a quixotic and vain task to give the gospel to the Hindu?" The old soldier looked at him severely. "As a soldier I am accustomed to obey my commander's orders without question. What are your orders, sir? Did not Christ say, 'Go . . . to every creature?'"

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Total.....\$1,425.05

Receipts to Dec. 31.....\$8,319.99

A Letter From Sam

Dear Friends:

Well, here I am out in the blackout regions on the West Coast. Everything looks and sounds like war nowadays: blackouts in the cities, planes in the skies, big guns loaded and ready for business. It's all mighty interesting, but it makes a fellow stop and think plenty.

We don't know what this old world is going to be like when the fighting's over, but we do know there will be a need for thoroughly trained young Christian men and women, and it's our job—yours and mine—to see that they get that training. Every dollar you send in to Bryan University sends me a mile farther along my winding road. But, vastly more than that, it helps to send those young folks up the road of education, preparation for the weighty burdens that must soon fall onto their shoulders. God grant that these potential national and municipal leaders may go forth clothed in His righteousness and wisdom to lead this nation in His way.

Yours for victory,

Sam

"Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake." Josh. 23:14.



"WE'RE IN THE ARMY NOW"

War with Japan and the axis powers find former students of Bryan University in all branches of the United States service stationed in many states and possessions.

One former student, Lawrence Levengood, of Canton, Ohio, who joined the United States Navy in the fall of 1940, is now a clerical worker aboard a patrol vessel in the Panama Canal Zone. The canal is blacked out, making navigation difficult for ships plying the channel between the locks of the canal.

Another former student, Hendren Llewellyn, of Freeport, Pa., is a lieutenant in the air force and is stationed at Borinquen, Puerto Rico. This base is one of the outlying defenses of the Panama Canal and lies very close to the French naval base at Martinique.

Inasmuch as two years of college are required for admission as a flying cadet, several former Bryan students have chosen the air corps as their field of service. Second Lieut. Alvin Hall, of Orlando, Fla., who joined the army air corps immediately after graduating from the University in the class of 1940, is now stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

Edward Paul, of Uniontown, Pa., a 1941 graduate, also chose the air force and is now a member of the Twenty-eighth School Squadron, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

Gordon Matheny, of Clendenin, W. Va., joined the army air corps last summer and is now stationed at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

Homer Wright, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., enlisted last summer and is at present a corporal at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

Charles Shirley, of Saltsburg, Pa., who enlisted in the United States Marine Corps several months ago, was a member of the class of 1941.

A member of the graduating class of 1938, S. D. Hodges, of Chattanooga, recently reported for duty in the artillery division at Camp Eustis, Virginia.

Cecil Hanson, of Denver, Colo., who was called from school at the conclusion of the fall quarter, is temporarily stationed at El Paso, Texas.

Almost all of the men students are subject to the provisions of the Selective Service Act, and several expect to be called or to volunteer for service during the present session or at the close of school in the spring.

Pray About Pearl Harbor

GEMS FROM THE MAIL BAG

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letter received from the China Inland Mission that we included them in our Prayer Letter: "Might I also suggest that as we consider our ways before the Lord we do well to ask ourselves whether our time is being given to things that are nearest to the heart of our Lord. There is a danger, is there not, that sometimes, perhaps unconsciously, we allow ourselves to be diverted from the highest by giving undue attention to comparatively secondary things?" We asked the question: "What things should I eliminate and what should I take up to please Him? We still ask ourselves the same question.

In the November Reader's Digest is an article, "Cripple Creek Wins a Bet," telling about the construction of the Carlton Tunnel to drain the gold mines around Cripple Creek Colo., of the accumulation of water which was submerging valuable gold ore. We were reminded of a world submerged in sin. Our Lord gave up all, that He might save the Church—the pearl of great price—something far more precious than gold. Why should we be sparing time, money, and materials, when such a prize is at stake? We, too, should train and equip the best workmen for the work. Should we not be just as interested in the salvation of souls, as the people of Cripple Creek in the progress of the tunnel?

Evangelist John R. Rice, now of Wheaton, Illinois, publishes a weekly paper, "The Sword of the Lord." In "Youth's Corner" a Christian girl, a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute who plans to be a foreign missionary, and who is in nurse's training, asks Dr. Rice the question: "Is absolute surrender practical for young people today?" Dr. Rice answers her question with an emphatic "yes," and names a long list of those who have tried it and proved it. "Some people say it is not practical, but the only ones who say that are those who never tried it." Dr. Rice admits that surrender means some reproach. He wisely counsels the young lady to face the problems of life a day at a time only, and to read and meditate on God's Word faithfully each day.

In the above quotations and comments there is much encouragement to live an "out-and-out" life for Christ. We would like to include here an entire article by our friend, Pastor Nye J. Langmade, of Salina,

Kansas, entitled "No Appeasement." Prime Minister Churchill, of England, stands absolutely for "no appeasement" in dealing with Hitler. How much more serious to compromise with the enemy of our souls. In our reading recently we have also found much encouragement for a life of prayer and faith. We always find something of real worth along this line in "World Conquest," published by the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade. From an article by Norman P. Grubb entitled "Throne Life" I quote: "Understand that the Lord is joined unto you, one spirit; understand that you have the mind of Christ. Understand that the life of Christ is ever the sap of the vine through the branches. Do not keep asking for what you already have. Do not sing, 'I need Thee, oh, I need Thee.' Sing, 'I have Thee, oh, I have Thee.' Never waste breath by asking Him to be near you, who is already within you, joined to you in such a union that you and He are described as 'one spirit.'"

"Do not cry for what you already have, but use it, use it. 'Wherefore criest thou unto me? . . . Stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it.' Speak out the word of faith. Exercise the authority of God."

A Prayer Letter, received recently from our friend Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, of Columbia Bible College, tells of prayer being abundantly answered for the payment of the men's dormitory: "Several large gifts came—hundreds of the smaller gifts. As a result, instead of paying a total of \$10,000 on October 1 a total of \$13,000 was paid." Of course, it is blessed to hear of answered prayer and to rejoice with these friends, but another statement in Dr. McQuilkin's letter may mean more to many of our friends: "Shall we remember also that prayer for material things which are needed for the glory of the Lord is just as definitely spiritual prayer as the prayer for soul winning." We have had imperative material needs here from the beginning. We have hesitated to keep mentioning them for fear of tiring you. Perhaps you have felt at times that we have placed an undue emphasis on the material as compared with the spiritual. Our answer is that we simply cannot train young men and women in the things of God without the necessary material things.

Buy Defense Bonds
